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SUBJECT: ARMY-PROTESTORS CLASH--IMPACT ON AMERICAN
CITIZENS IN CHINA

REF: BEIJING 13021 AND PREVIOUS

1. 01 DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 4 JUNE 1989,
THE CHINESE PLA USED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, TANKS, AND
APC'S TO MOVE THROUGH PROTESTORS AND THEIR BARRICADES
IN ORDER TO REACH THE CENTER OF BEIJING. AN UNKNOWN
NUMBER OF PROTESTORS AND PLA PERSONNEL ARE REPORTED
DEAD AND WITH MANY MORE WOUNDED. AS OF 1300, INCIDENTS
OF PLA FIRING ON DEMONSTRATORS CONTINUED TO BE REPORTED.

2. 02 DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE CLASH, EMBASSY
MARINES WERE RECALLED. AS THE SITUATION CALMED, ONE
HALF OF THE DETACHMENT WAS ORDERED BACK TO THE MARINE
HOUSE TO REST AND RESERVE RESOURCES WHILE THE OTHER
HALF REMAINED AT THE EMBASSY. AS OF 1500 HOURS, 4
JUNE, THE DETACHMENT SECURED FROM RECALL TO REST IN
ANTICIPATION OF AN INTENSE NIGHT. THREE MSG'S REMAIN
ON DUTY.

3. 03 THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE IS NOW STAFFED 24
HOURS A DAY ALONG WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF THE MISSION TO
INCLUDE CONSULAR.

4. 04 AMBASSADOR LILLEY CONVENED THE BEIJING EAC AT
1130 HOURS, 4 JUNE 1989, TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND
DETERMINE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO BE TAKEN. WE HAVE
INITIATED THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

--REPORTING OFFICERS IN THE CITY ARE TRAVELLING IN
TWO-PERSON TEAMS WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT THE
EMBASSY AT REGULARLY SCHEDULED INTERVALS.

--CONSULAR OFFICERS ARE VISITING HOSPITALS TO SEE IF
ANY AMERICANS ARE INJURED OR DEAD.

--A TRAVEL ADVISORY URGES AMERICANS TO DEFER TRAVEL TO
CHINA.

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--AN AMERICAN CITIZENS SERVICES CONTACT LINE HAS BEEN
ESTABLISHED IN THE CHANCERY ON A 24-HOUR BASIS AT
332-3431, EXT. 430 CALLS DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS
WILL BE REFERRED TO ACS' NORMAL EXTENSION, 2640.

--AMERICANS ARE BEING CONTACTED AND ADVISED TO REMAIN
INDOORS. EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS ARE TO
REMAIN IN THEIR RESIDENCES UNLESS NEEDED AT THE EMBASSY
OR IN WORK-RELATED MISSIONS. MAJOR HOTELS HAVE BEEN
ASKED TO POST SIGNS URGING AMERICAN TOURISTS TO REMAIN
INDOORS. THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND OTHER
AGENTS ARE ALSO BEING CONTACTED AND ADVISED TO REMAIN
INDOORS.

--THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE.

--AN EMBASSY GENERAL STAFF MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

--ALL EMBASSY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

--IN ANTICIPATION OF A POSSIBLE GENERAL STRIKE,
AMERICANS ARE BEING ADVISED TO STOCK WATER, FOOD,
MONEY, AND FLASHLIGHTS.

--A TRI-AGE AREA HAS BEEN SET UP BEHIND THE BARRIAGE IN
THE CHANCERY ALTHOUGH UNTIL NOW THERE WAS BEEN NO NEED
FOR SUCH A FACILITY.

5. 05 MSG'S ARE ON STANDBY AT THE MARINE HOUSE IN
ANTICIPATION OF CONFRONTATIONS TONIGHT BETWEEN THE ARMY
AND PROTESTORS.

6. 06 SECURITY IS ON LINE AND CLOSELY MONITORING THE
SITUATION AS IT DEVELOPS AND WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT
INFORMED OF EAC ACTIONS.

7. 07 FYI: ARSO ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT ZHU EN TAO AT
HSS/OPS HEADQUARTERS TO ASCERTAIN INFORMATION OF THE
FATE OF AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST. FOUR ATTEMPTS WERE
MADE. THE FIRST ATTEMPT RECEIVED AN ANSWER, PAUSE, AND
A HANG UP. DURING THE PAUSE, ARSO HEARD MUCH ACTIVITY
IN THE BACKGROUND. THE SECOND ATTEMPT WAS GREETED WITH
A CRY "THERE ISN'T ANY" AND "WRONG NUMBER", THEN A
SHARP HANG UP. ADDITIONAL TRIES MET BUSY SIGNALS. THE
NUMBER CALLED BELONGS TO ZHU'S OFFICE. LILLEY

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